

EDWARDS BIBLE
CHAIN OF CUSTODY

ABEL EDWARDS -M- POLLY POTTS(PAITS)

:
THOMAS EDWARDS -M- BETSY ERVIN

:
AMANDA EDWARDS -M- ABRAHAM E. TILSON

:
THOMAS JEFFERSON TILSON -M- ATLAS CARTER

:
ROBERT YATES TILSON

:
TOMMY TILSON

Abel Edwards and Polly Potts are the progenitors of this Edwards line, and my 5th great grandparents. Abel Edwards and family can be found in Virginia pre-1776 and migrated to what is now Sullivan County Tennessee (ca.)1780.

Amanda Edwards Tilson was the first person to own the Edwards Bible and it is believed that Amanda Edwards Tilson was the person who wrote the entries in the Edwards Bible.

Amanda Edwards Tilson gave the bible to her son Thomas Jefferson Tilson, which in turn gave the bible to his son Robert Yates Tilson, which in turn gave the Edwards Bible to his son Tommy Tilson. Tommy Tilson is the person who gave the bible to the Mars Hill College, Mars Hill North Carolina.

Most people don't know that Amanda Edwards Tilson's brother William Erwin Nave Edwards gave the land which the Mars Hill College stands on today. William Ervin Nave Edwards land and home was on the same land as the college.

At this time I can't recall who donated the money to repair the bible which is now in the possession of Mars Hill College. I believe it to be a man by the name of Owen Edwards, cousin to the Tilson's.

The bible today is repaired to the extent that can be done considering it's age. A few hundred dollars were spent to repair the aging bible and it is now in the Appalachian Room in the abovementioned college under glass for it's protection.

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